

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 1, 2011
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: AB 673
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BILL SUMMARY: Office of Multicultural Health: LGBT communities

This bill would expand Health and Safety Code section 152 to include lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities to the groups within of the Office of Multicultural Health's (OMH) area of responsibility.

FISCAL SUMMARY

This bill would expand the scope of the OMH to serve LGBT communities. The Department of Public Health (DPH) estimates this additional workload would result in an estimated ongoing cost of \$66,000 General Fund to support 0.5 of a position.

COMMENTS

Finance is opposed to this bill because it would result in an ongoing General Fund costs and would increase the size of the state's workforce. Given the state's current fiscal condition, expanding the scope of the OMH would be inconsistent with the Administration's plans to reduce state operations.

Existing law establishes the OMH within the DPH to perform various duties on behalf of the DPH and the Department of Health Care Services. These duties include: (1) strategic planning to develop department-wide plans to close the gaps in health status and access to care among the state's diverse racial and ethnic communities, (2) conducting departmental policy analysis on issues related to multicultural health, (3) coordinating state-funded projects related to improving the effectiveness of services to racial and ethnic communities, (4) identifying duplication of services, (5) communicating and disseminating information and acting as a liaison within the departments and providers, and (6) ensuring programs keep data and information regarding ethnic and racial health statistics, strategies, and programs that address multicultural health issues.

This bill would add LGBT communities to the racial and ethnic communities included within the OMH's responsibilities. This bill also would require the OMH ensure programs keep data and information regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
4265/PublicHealth	SO	No		--	C	\$66	C	\$66	0001

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